Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

Health Alert

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HA#40 – Level Orange Medical Professionals Advisory 2/10/03

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SUBJECT: Level Orange

Medical Professionals Advisory

This health alert provides information on the level orange alert. Please contact the department if you have any questions at 1-800-392-0272.

- I. Immediately report any unusual illness to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) at 1-800-392-0272, or your local public health agency.
- II. Increase participation in and reporting to the DHSS High Alert Surveillance System (HASS). For more information contact your local public health agency or the DHSS at 1-800-392-0272.
- III. Familiarize yourself with category A, B and C biological agents/diseases and chemical agents.

www.dhss.state.mo.us/BT Response/MedicalProfessionals.htm

They include:

Category A

Anthrax (Bacillus anthracis)

Botulism (Clostridium botulinum toxin)

Plague (Yersinia pestis)

Smallpox (variola major)

Tularemia (Francisella tularensis)

Viral hemorrhagic fevers (filoviruses [e.g., Ebola, Marburg] and arenaviruses [e.g., Lassa, Machupo])

Category B

Brucellosis (Brucella species)

Epsilon toxin of Clostridium perfringens

Food safety threats (e.g., Salmonella species, Escherichia coli O157:H7,

Shigella)

Glanders (Burkholderia mallei)

Melioidosis (Burkholderia pseudomallei)

Psittacosis (Chlamydia psittaci)

O fever (Coxiella burnetii)

Ricin toxin from Ricinus communis (castor beans) NEW!

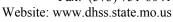
Staphylococcal enterotoxin B

Typhus fever (Rickettsia prowazekii)

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Category B (continued)

Viral encephalitis (alphaviruses [e.g., Venezuelan equine encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis])

Water safety threats (e.g., Vibrio cholerae, Cryptosporidium parvum)

Category C

Emerging infectious disease threats such as Nipah virus and hantavirus

IV. Familiarize yourself with signs and symptoms of Acute Radiation Syndrome. www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/ars.htm

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